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SUBJ: UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION--GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH BY
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION OF NIGERIA, OLU SANU

1. SUMMARY: IN A SUBSTANTIAL SPEECH THAT STRESSED THE NEED
FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO CREATE A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AMBASSADOR SANU PRESENTED A BRIEF DEFENSE OF
OPEC AND HIGHLIGHTED NIGERIA'S POSITION ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS
BEFORE THE SESSION IN THE FIELDS OF INTERNATIONAL COMODITY
TRADE, TRADE, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM, INDUSTRIALIZATION,
COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND RESTRUCTURING OF
THE UN SYSTEM. HE EMPHASIED NIGERIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE
PROGRAM OF ACTION OF THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, THE DAKAR
DELCATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND THE LIMA DECLARATION
AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND STATED THAT THESE "OFFER A
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DEVELOPING NATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW

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ECONOMIC ORDER." END SUMMARY.

2. MIMIMIZING THE IMPACT OF OIL PRICE INCREASE ON THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, SANU DEFENDED OPEC BY ARGUING THAT THE "SO-CALLED ENERGY CRISIS" ACTUALLY EXPOSED THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' OWN "CONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION" AND SERVED AS "THE CATALYST THAT AWAKENED THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ALL THE NECESSITY FOR A RE-EXAMINATION OF INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS." BY RAISING OIL PRICES, OPEC COUNTRIES WERE SIMPLY EXERCISING THEIR "INALIENABLE RIFHT" OVER THEIR RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THEIR TERMS OF TRADE WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD.

3. SANU STATED NIGERIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM OF ACTION OF THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, THE DAKAR DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION,AND SUGGESTED THAT THESE PROPOSALS "OFFER A REASONABLE BASIS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC WORLD ORDER."

4. INTERNATIONAL TRADE: NOTING THAT TRADE WAS THE BEST VEHICLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, SANU ENDORSED UNCTAD'S INTEGRATED PROGRAM. HE REJECTED SUGGESTIONS FOR "RESTRUCTURING" THAT MERELY PERPETUATED A SET OF ARRANGEMENTS WHICH IMPEDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF LDCS, CALLED FOR A COMMODITY PRICING POLICY WITH AN "AUTOMATIC LINK" TO THE PRICES OF LDC IMPORTS AND CRITICIZED THE NARROWNESS OF TRADITIONAL PRICE STABILIATION SCHEMES WHICH FAILED TO DEAL WITH SUCH ISSUES AS MARKET ACCESS. HE ALSO REJECTED THE ARGUMENT THAT MARKET ACCESS WAS PRIMARILY AN ISSUE FOR GATT UNDER THE CURRENT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND THUS URGED THAT UNCTAD IV BE EMPOWERED TO THOROUGHLY APPRAISE THE PROGRESS OF THE MTNS. FINALLY, HE ADVOCATED A COMMITMENT BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE EFFECITVELY IN NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND URGED THE SHARING OF THE COSTS OF BUFFER STOCKS BY CONSUMERS AS WELL AS PRODUCERS.

5. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM: SANU EXPRESSED "DEEP
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CONCERN" OVER THE FAILURE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS THE "BURNING ISSUE" OF A LINK BETWEEN SDRS AND LDC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. HE URGED NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR IM-PROVING COMPENSATORY FINANCE AND INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE IMF.

6. INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: REVIEWING THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD, SANU EN-

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DORSED THE NEW APPROACH EMBODIES IN THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. HE WELCOMED THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTITUTE, NOTING THAT WHILE THIS TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT WOULD GO "A LONG WAY" TO PROMOTE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, IT WAS "NOT ENOUGH." HE THUS CALLED FOR INCREASED TEHCNICAL ASSISTANCE AND AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO BE NEGOTIATED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1977 AND ADOPTED BY A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 1978. HE ALSO ADVOCATED REVISION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PATENT PROVISIONS.

7. COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: SANU RECALLED THE "BLUEPRINT FOR COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" ADOPTED AT THE LIMA CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF OPEC AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE RECOGNIZED THEIR MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES. HE URGED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW SUIT BY LIVING UP TO THEIR AID RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

8. RESTRUCTURING THE UN SYSTEM: WHILE SUPPORTING THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS, SANU CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS TO STUDY AND REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTERS ON TWO AREAS WHICH THE STUDY NEGLECTED: "THE EFFECT AND IMPACT OF THE COORDINATING ROLE OF ECOSOC" AND THE ROLE OF THE IMF AND IBRD.
IN ADDITION, SANU RECOMMENDED THE CREATION OF AN "INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION" DIRECTLY UNDER THE UN SYSTEM "WHICH WILL SUPERCEDE THE EXISTING GATT AND UNCTAD" AND THE CONVERSION OF UNIDO INTO A SPECIALIZED UN AGENCY.

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9. HE CONCLUDED BY RECALLING EVIDENCE OF NIGERIA'S COMMITMENT TO PLAY A COOPERATIVE ROLE: ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE BRUSSELS NEGOTIATIONS THAT LED TO THE COMPLETION OF THE LOME CONVENTION, PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE COMMONWEALTH GROUP OF EXPERTS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES IN 1975.
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